

### REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7, 10, and 11 on file were allowed prior to filing of a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith and remain pending in the application.

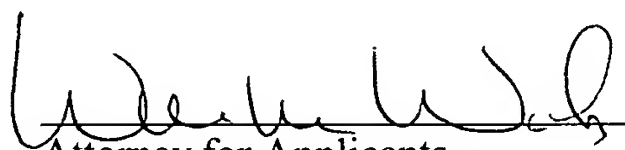
Claims 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. (Claim 10 has been amended herein with the understanding that the Examiner's Amendment to that claim as shown in the attachment to the above-mentioned Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due form has been entered.) Claims 12 and 13 have been presented to accord Applicants an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration hereof and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-shown address.

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